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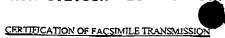
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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action mailed April 2, 1999 (Paper No. 11), which has been carefully reviewed and studied.

Applicants submit the following Remarks, and respectfully request reconsideration of the instant Application.

Applicants do not believe any fee is due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee required to maintain pendency of the instant Application to Howrey & Simon's Deposit Account No. 08-3038.

REMARKS

Claim 17 is pending in the instant Application. The Examiner has maintained the rejection of claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,618,699 to Hamamoto et al. The Examiner first correctly states that claim 17 of the instant application, which is identical to claim 16 of the Hamamoto et al patent, is drawn to a virus